

Readers' Forum

To the Editor:

The general election for Family Court Judge is fast approaching. Family Court involves child support issues, divorces, domestic violence cases, paternity establishments, neglect and abuse cases, and adoptions -- all issues with a lasting impact on families. A Family Court judge should be a person of integrity and fairness and, above all, have a full knowledge of the law that can only be obtained through years of experience and through actual representation of individuals involved in these types of matters.

I have been a Union County resident all my life until moving to Webster County in 2004 to become director of child support services. I still have this position, but have recently moved back to Union County. I have worked closely with our family court system for the past 15 years, and I know that a Family Court judge must have experience, compassion, and dedication to serve in this position. Voting is a privilege and we should all want the most qualified candidate for our Family Court judge. Please join me in voting for Ben Leonard for Family Court judge on November 4.

Peggy Hedges
Uniontown

To the Editor:

Professionalism, fair, common sense, honest, personable, kind, caring, devoted to family, church, job community, and a genuine concern for families: these are some of the important qualities I look for in a person seeking to be elected to the office of Family Court judge, and the voters of Crittenden, Union, and Webster counties should, too.

In the years that I have known Brandi Rogers as an attorney and a friend, she has exemplified the above named qualities.

I was employed in an attorney's office for 25 years and have talked, worked, and met with attorneys, judges and many other professionals. Brandi Rogers is highly regarded among her peers and other professionals.

I asked Brandi if I could write a letter in support of her because I think that on November 4, Brandi Rogers should be elected as the Family Court judge for Crittenden, Union, and Webster counties.

Doris Stout
Marion, KY

To the Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to ask for your support and vote for State Representative Suzanne Miles, candidate for the Kentucky 7th District House race on November 4.

Most of you, if any, do not know me, but perhaps some of you will remember my family. My parents were Jim and Edna Lynn. I was born in Union County at a place called Little Union and attended my first year of school in a one-room school at Little Union. My teacher was Trudy Oglesby. The school closed after that year, but hopefully that had nothing to do with me. My parents owned many acres of land in that area which is now a part of what is known as Camp Breckinridge. My grandfather was A.R. Lynn, who owned land in this same area. His place was known as Sulphur Springs. One of my earliest memories is of his military funeral. He was the last living Confederate soldier and was 97 years old when he died.

I am requesting your consideration and vote for Suzanne Miles because of her qualifications as a candidate and especially in the areas of education and experience. Her family is the owner, past and present, of many businesses including Miles Farm Supply in Daviess County. These entrepreneurs have made many contributions to health, education, and welfare in this area as well as the entire state of Kentucky, especially in the field of agriculture.

Our area needs Suzanne Miles. Please vote for her in the November 4th election. She is the candidate who will continue to be productive and will continue to serve our area with pride and accomplishment.

Shirley Lynn Nall
Owensboro

To the Editor:

I don't usually involve myself in any political election, but what I have seen since the May primary election has amazed me and touched my heart.

Ben Leonard won the May primary for Family Court Judge with no problem. I thought, "Well, okay, this is wrapped up for Nov. 4th." Ben has already been to our house (on a day when the snow was ankle deep and the roads were iced over) with an informational packet.

To my surprise, he's been back to my house at least three more times and according to the signs put up in all three counties, our house isn't the only one. I have seen him at every local even: fair breakfast, 4th of July celebrations, parades, Corn Festival. He's walking, talking, shaking hands, and interacting with children. You name it -- if he could be there, he has been.

What a blessing to see that this man, Ben Leonard, didn't take winning in May for granted. He has worked twice as hard since May. To me this says he wants this job and that he won't take it lightly. He will work hard for the children and their families in Union, Webster, and Crittenden counties, as he has done all his life to get where he has today.

Ben is a mentor to my grandson. Drae says if he was old enough, he would vote for Mr. Ben. If you know Drae, he might have already told you this.

Vote November 4th for the candidate of your choice. I am.

Ben Leonard for Family Court Judge -- he has shown me he takes nothing for granted and he is willing to work long hard hours to get the job done. He is a man who loves people, family, and God. Vote. Vote. Vote.

Thanks,
Judy Trainer
Dekoven

Walking for United Way



Local volunteers spent Friday morning walking on behalf of the United Way. The goal was to collect donations from area businesses to help aid Union County families in need. The money collected will go towards health, income and educational support. So far, they have collected \$2,500 and with a goal of \$3,500 for the month. (Left to right): Beth Thomas, Nicole Weldon, Shannon Clements, Brittany Ziemann, Garrick Thompson and Jennifer Pinkston. Not pictured: Mary Heppler and Jona Moore. Photo/Rachel Akpotu

Those Who Served: A Salute to Our Veterans

Local veteran salutes the spirit of patriotism

Rachel Akpotu
Advocate Editor

MORGANFIELD - With more than 20 million veterans living in the U.S. today, you would be hard pressed to meet someone who hasn't served in the military in one form or another.

With Veterans Day around the corner, citizens like Bill Bauer are taking time to reflect on what the holiday really means. He believes it is an essential celebration of pride, honor and the people who sacrificed for their country.

A Morganfield native, Bauer remembers marching downtown every year on Veterans Day as a kid.

"It wasn't until I was in high school that my little mind could grasp that we didn't just get out of school, we were celebrating," said Bauer. "We celebrated our freedom and honored the men and women who gave it to us."

Not long after graduating and accepting a teaching job at Dixon Junior High, Uncle Sam came calling.

"I was drafted into the United States Army in 1971, and at first I was upset that it was an interruption in my life and ca-

reer," he said. "I had been teaching school for two years and had been named 'teacher of the year' both years. Life was great. I was going to have to leave my family for a while, take orders from everybody, and be assigned to who knows where, but I decided to make the best of it."

Bill was sent to Ft. Knox for basic training followed by stints as squad leader and assistant platoon guide at bases across the Midwest. He ended up at the West Point Military Academy Preparatory School as head of the Public Information Office. He said the highlight of his career came when he escorted President Nixon's Chief of Staff, Gen. Alexander Haig, around Washington, D.C.

After leaving the military, Bauer joined the Morganfield Jaycees, the American Legion and went back to school to earn a Master's degree. He was also political action chairman for the teacher association for several years, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Vice-Chairman of the Union County Planning Commission, Vice-Chairman of the UCHS SBDM Council and was a charter member of the Morganfield Frater-



Bill Bauer

nal Order of Eagles.

"When I look back on my career, I think about what a great country I live in, to be able to accomplish so many things. I learned what pride is. Pride in school, country, friends, pride in a job well done and pride in just being alive."

"Somewhere, sometime, someone died to give you your rights, and that someone was a veteran. I am especially proud of my two sons who are serving on active duty right now, to ensure that all of us can continue to enjoy our way

of life."

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6 am - ?
All you can eat -- \$5 ea.
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8th & Monroe streets

VOTE Dickie Berry

Proven Leadership

Honesty

Integrity

